

City of Seattle

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

A. BACKGROUND:

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

The proposal would amend the Land Use Code to permit transitional encampments for homeless individuals as an interim use for a six-month term on City or privately-owned property in all zones except residential zones, including Downtown zones defined as residential and Neighborhood Commercial 1 (NC1) zones.

A transitional encampment is presently defined in the Code as a use intended for temporary sleeping and shelter, and describes activities and development that may accompany the encampment. The Code further provides minimum standards for their location as a use accessory to property owned or controlled by religious organizations in all zones. The proposal would clarify the definition by including vehicles as an acceptable type of encampment shelter, provide more specific location standards for encampments on City-owned and privately-owned property, and apply the regulations on encampment activities presently applicable to sites owned or controlled by religious organizations to all encampment proposals. While encampments on sites owned or controlled by religious organizations are exempt from parking requirements, the proposal adds parking requirements to transitional encampment interim uses on City-owned or privately-owned property.

2. Name of Applicant:

City of Seattle Department of Planning and Development

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

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4. Date checklist prepared:

April 23, 2012

5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Seattle Department of Planning and Development.

6. Proposed timing or schedule (include phasing if applicable):

The proposed Land Use Code amendments will likely be discussed in a public hearing and considered by the City Council in late spring or early summer of 2012.

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansions, or further activities related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain:

No.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal:

The information provided in this checklist.

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain:

Not applicable. This is a nonproject action that would amend the Land Use Code to permit transitional encampments for homeless individuals as an interim use for a six-month term on City-owned or privately-owned property in all zones except residential zones, including Downtown zones defined as residential and Neighborhood Commercial 1 (NC1) zones, add location requirements, rulemaking authority for community outreach and encampment operations, and specify the activities and development that may accompany the transitional encampment interim use, including using vehicles for shelter.

10. List any governmental approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known:

The City Council must adopt the proposed amendment.

11. Give a brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site.

The proposal would amend the Land Use Code to permit transitional encampments for homeless individuals as an interim use for a six-month term on City-owned or privately-owned property in all zones except residential zones, including Downtown zones defined as residential and Neighborhood Commercial 1 (NC1) zones, add location requirements, rulemaking authority for community outreach and encampment operations, and specify the activities and development that may accompany the transitional encampment interim use, including using vehicles for shelter. The proposal includes the following:

- Provides a new transitional encampment interim use permit for a six-month term as a non-appealable Type I permit process. The permit would not be renewable but the process would allow an existing encampment to relocate to another site under a new six-month interim use permit;

- Requires a minimum of 12 months after a transitional encampment interim use permit has expired before a new permit on the same site could be issued;
- Requires locating an encampment on property owned by the City of Seattle or a private party subject to a management plan addressing site management, maintenance and security;
- Requires encampment operators to have two years experience managing and operating shelters, low-income housing, or encampments serving 50 or more low-income, homeless or indigent persons;
- Requires encampments meet the same health, safety, and inspection requirements that have been established for encampments on sites owned or controlled by religious organizations as set forth in Seattle Municipal Code Section 23.42.054;
- Establishes parking requirements for encampments that are not located on sites owned or controlled by religious organizations; and
- Clarifies the existing definition of “transitional encampment” to include using vehicles as shelters.
- Provides rulemaking authority to require community outreach to give neighbors advance notice of encampments and to require specific operations standards to be implemented by encampment operators.

A transitional encampment site shall, under the proposal, meet the following requirements:

- Be located at least 50 feet from any residentially-zoned lot;
- Be located less than 50 feet from any residentially-zoned lot if the encampment boundary maintains a 50-foot setback and is screened by vegetation or fencing;
- Be owned by the City or a private party;
- Be located on a site that is at least 7,500 square feet in area or larger and provides a minimum of 100 square feet of land per occupant;
- Be located within one-half mile of a transit stop;
- Be located at least one-half mile from any other legally-established transitional encampment use;
- Be located outside of wetland, wetland buffer, steep slope, steep slope buffer, and fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas (which includes areas within 100 feet of the shoreline) regulated by the City’s regulations for Environmentally Critical Areas;
- Not be used by an existing legally-permitted use for any Land Use Code or permit-required purposes including but not limited to parking or setbacks; and
- Not be an unopened public street right-of-way or designated as a park, playground, viewpoint, or multi-use trail.

Transitional encampments would continue to be allowed on other sites in the City through the process of applying for a temporary use permit according to existing provisions in the Land Use Code, instead of the interim use permit process in the proposed legislation.

Encampments would also have to meet the health, safety, and inspection requirements, including the limit of 100 encampment occupants, established in Sections 23.42.054.B and .C for encampments accessory to uses on property owned or controlled by religious organizations.

In addition to the standards in the Code, encampments would be required to enter into a contractual arrangement with the hosting entity similar to the hosting agreements that have been used between religious facilities and encampment operators that will address encampment rules for the purpose of promoting good neighbor relations. These agreements between the religious facilities and encampment operators have been successful in the past and include prohibitions on alcohol, drugs, and possession of weapons; rules for children within the encampment; and prohibiting sex offenders within the encampment.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

The proposal applies to City-owned and privately-owned property within the City of Seattle that meets the location criteria of the proposal and is located in all zones except residential zones, including Downtown zones defined as residential and Neighborhood Commercial 1 (NC1) zones. The proposal excludes property designated as a park, playground, viewpoint, or multi-use trail by the City or King County. Unopened City rights-of-way are also excluded. Portions of sites that are used by an existing legally-permitted use for any Land Use Code or permit-required purposes, including but not limited to parking or setbacks, cannot be occupied by a transitional encampment.

Research using the City's Arcview land use mapping system shows that there are approximately 99 City-owned sites and 258 privately owned sites City-wide in the zones proposed for encampment use that could potentially serve as encampment locations. The private sites are lots that are determined to be vacant according to King County Assessor's records. It is assumed that private sites in active commercial use will not devote productive space to encampment activities. There are also 28 sites of institutions or places of public assembly (post-secondary schools, private community centers, and similar uses) in these zones with sufficient area to host an encampment. Approximately 26 City-owned sites and 80 private sites are closer than 50 feet to residentially-zoned lots but have sufficient area for the encampment to set back 50 feet or more with screening. The majority of these sites are located in the Industrial and Commercial zones, with less than 10 percent of the sites located in Downtown and SM zones. Two-thirds of the City-owned sites are more than 100 feet from residential zoning and 93 percent of the City-owned sites are 10,000 square feet or greater.

With respect to private sites, 72 percent are 10,000 square feet or greater and the remaining 28 percent are between 7,500 square feet and 10,000 square feet. About 78 percent of the sites are 100 feet or more from residential zoning. 185 sites, about 72 percent of the total, are both 10,000 square feet in area and 50 feet or more from residential zoning. A majority of these sites (124 or 67 percent) are in the Industrial

zones, and these 124 sites also represent nearly half of all the private sites. Each site would be subject to further evaluation using the standards required by the proposed legislation, as part of the proposed permit process for transitional encampment interim use permits. Since these standards would eliminate some sites due to presence of critical areas or lack of proximity to transit, the total number of useable sites will be somewhat fewer than the above totals. Individual projects developed under this proposal will be subject to environmental review if they meet or exceed thresholds for environmental review.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS:

1. Earth

a. General description of site (circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other.

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b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

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c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime farmland.

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Commercial 1 (NC1) zones, add location requirements, rulemaking authority for community outreach and encampment operations, and specify the activities and development that may accompany the transitional encampment interim use, including using vehicles for shelter. Potential sites are located throughout the City and could be located on a variety of the soil types found throughout the City. Individual projects developed under this proposal will be subject to environmental review if they meet or exceed thresholds for environmental review and that review will include a consideration of soil types at specific development sites.

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

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e. Describe the purpose, type and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

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f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction or use? If so, generally describe.

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g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

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h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion or other impacts to the earth, if any:

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There are established policies and regulations to limit the potential of erosion and landslide impact of specific development proposals. The indirect effects of this nonproject proposal on surface water resources are addressed in Section D, Supplemental Sheet for Nonproject Actions.

2. Air

- a. What type of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, industrial, wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.**

This is a nonproject action and no changes to odor standards are proposed. Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions have also been considered, and no changes to GHG emissions are expected as a result of this nonproject action. Individual projects developed under to the provisions of this proposal will be subject to environmental review if they meet or exceed thresholds for environmental review and existing odor and emissions requirements currently contained in the Land Use Code and promulgated by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency. A SEPA GHG Emissions Worksheet is required for all individual projects subject to environmental review that may be developed under this proposal.

The indirect effects of this nonproject proposal to air resources are addressed in Section D, Supplemental Sheet for Nonproject Actions.

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.**

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- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:**

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development that may accompany the transitional encampment interim use, including using vehicles for shelter. Individual projects developed under the provisions of this proposal will be subject to environmental review if they meet or exceed thresholds for environmental review. There are established policies and regulations to minimize or prevent adverse air quality impacts of specific development projects. Individual projects subject to the provisions of this proposal will occur over time and cannot be evaluated in terms of other measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air at this stage. Such projects will be subject to environmental review if they meet or exceed thresholds for environmental review.

3. Water

a. Surface Water:

- 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.**

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- 2) Will the project require any work over, in or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.**

This is a nonproject action. Individual projects developed under the provisions of this proposal may be located within 200 feet of water bodies and will be subject to provisions of the Shoreline Master Program and the Environmentally Critical Areas regulations in the Seattle Municipal Code.

- 3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.**

This is a nonproject action. Individual projects developed under this legislation may include fill and dredging activities, although it is unlikely since no permanent structures or permanent development is proposed, and will be subject to environmental review, the City's Shoreline Master Program and Environmentally Critical Areas regulations, as well as other state and federal laws governing waterways and wetlands.

4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

This is a nonproject action. Individual projects developed under this proposal may require surface water withdrawals or diversions, although it is unlikely, and will be subject to environmental review if they meet or exceed thresholds for environmental review.

5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

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6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

No. The proposal is a nonproject action. Grey water from a potential encampment would be addressed by requiring it be discharged to an approved location, such as a City sewer system.

b. Ground Water:

1) Will groundwater be withdrawn or will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

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withdrawal of or discharge to ground water as part of the site development for an individual project. Individual projects subject to the provisions of this proposal will be subject to environmental review if they meet or exceed thresholds for environmental review.

- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground for septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.**

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c. Water Runoff (including storm water):

- 1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.**

This is a nonproject action. It is possible that projects developed under the proposal could result in runoff. The amount of runoff and method of collection depends upon existing site conditions and site design of a project-specific action. Individual projects will be subject to the City's stormwater and drainage requirements and environmental review if they meet or exceed thresholds for environmental review. The indirect effects of this nonproject proposal related to water runoff are addressed in Section D, Supplemental Sheet for Nonproject Actions.

- 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.**

The proposal is a nonproject action and has no direct impact on whether waste materials would enter ground or surface waters. Individual projects developed under the proposal will be subject to the City's Environmentally Critical Areas Ordinance, and the City's stormwater and drainage requirements and environmental review if they meet or exceed thresholds for environmental review.

The indirect effects of this nonproject proposal related to water runoff are addressed in Section D, Supplemental Sheet for Nonproject Actions.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground or runoff water impacts, if any:

The project is a nonproject action. There are established policies and regulations to protect wetlands, riparian corridors, lakes, drainage basins, wildlife habitats, slopes, and other property from adverse drainage impacts of specific development projects. New projects developed under the proposal will be required to comply with the City's Stormwater, Grading & Drainage Control Ordinance and provide for mitigation of erosion, if required. Individual projects will also be subject to environmental review if they meet or exceed thresholds for environmental review.

4. Plants

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

- ☒ Deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
- ☒ Evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
- ☒ Shrubs
- ☒ Grass
- ☒ Pasture
- ☒ Crop or grain
- ☒ Wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bulrush, skunk cabbage, other
- ☒ Water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- ☒ Other types of vegetation

City-wide application except residential zones including Downtown zones defined as residential and Neighborhood Commercial 1 (NC1) zones: Each of these features exists within the eligible zones throughout the City to a limited extent.

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

The project is a nonproject action. Individual development projects developed under the land use and zoning changes of the proposal will be subject to environmental review if they meet or exceed thresholds for environmental review, the City's Environmentally Critical Areas Ordinance, Significant Trees Ordinance, and other regulations. The indirect effects of this nonproject proposal on vegetation are addressed in Section D, Supplemental Sheet for Nonproject Actions. The amount of vegetation removed on any given site depends upon existing site conditions and project-specific site design. The proposed legislation is unlikely to affect the amount of vegetation removed or altered compared to that allowed under existing regulations.

c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site:

This is a nonproject action. The proposal includes changes in land use and zoning that are unlikely to have a different affect on threatened or endangered plant species than existing regulations. Individual projects developed under the proposal will be subject

to the City's Environmentally Critical Areas Ordinance that requires identification of threatened or endangered species on or near individual project sites.

d. Proposed landscaping, using native plants or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

The proposal is a nonproject action. Individual projects developed under the proposal will occur over time and cannot be evaluated in terms of landscaping or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation at this stage. Individual projects will be subject to environmental review if they meet or exceed thresholds for environmental review.

5. Animals

a. Circle any birds and animals that have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:

This proposal is a nonproject action and does not involve construction or development activity. Individual projects developed under the land use and zoning changes of this proposal will occur over time and cannot be evaluated in terms of specific animals present on any property at this stage.

c. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

This proposal is a nonproject action and does not involve construction or development activity. Individual projects developed under the land use and zoning changes of this proposal will occur over time and cannot be evaluated in terms of specific animals present on any property at this stage.

d. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

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d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

The proposal is a nonproject action that is not anticipated to have any specific impacts on wildlife. Individual projects developed under the proposal will occur over time and cannot be evaluated in terms of measures to preserve or enhance wildlife at this stage. Such projects will be subject to environmental review if they meet or exceed thresholds for environmental review.

6. Energy and Natural Resources

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing etc.**

The project is a nonproject action. Individual projects developed under the proposal will occur over time and cannot be evaluated in terms of energy requirements at this stage. Such projects will be subject to subsequent environmental review if they meet or exceed thresholds for environmental review.

- b. Would your project affect the potential using solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.**

This is a nonproject action. Individual projects developed under the proposal will occur over time and cannot be evaluated in terms of impacts to adjacent properties at this stage. Individual development projects subject to the proposal will also be subject to environmental review and design review if they meet or exceed relevant thresholds for height, bulk, and scale impacts.

- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:**

The proposal is a nonproject action. Individual projects developed under the proposal will occur over time and cannot be evaluated in terms of energy conservation features or measures to reduce or control energy impacts at this stage. Potential projects will be subject to environmental review if they meet or exceed thresholds for environmental review. The indirect effects of this nonproject proposal on energy resources are addressed in Section D, Supplemental Sheet for Nonproject Actions.

7. Environmental Health

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.**

This is a nonproject action. Individual projects developed under the proposal will be subject to the City's Environmentally Critical Areas Ordinance and environmental review if they meet or exceed thresholds for environmental review.

1) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

The amount of potential development that would result from the proposal is within the range covered by the City of Seattle's Comprehensive Plan for Fire Protection and Police Services. In general, emergency service providers including the Fire and Police Departments will review the effects of increased development and propose enhanced services as necessary as part of their planning for future service needs. Based on information about existing encampments, the presence of an encampment, as opposed to a vacant lot, would slightly increase potential demand for emergency services on a site, but the increase is not expected to be significant. Individual projects developed under this proposal will occur over time and cannot be evaluated in terms of special emergency services required at this stage. Such projects will be subject to environmental review if they meet or exceed thresholds for environmental review. See discussion in Section D, Supplemental Sheet for Nonproject Actions.

2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

The indirect effects of this nonproject proposal are not expected to result in an increase of environmental health hazards. Individual projects developed under the proposal will occur over time and cannot be evaluated in terms of measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards at this stage. Such projects will be subject to project-specific environmental review if they meet or exceed thresholds for environmental review. See discussion in Section D, Supplemental Sheet for nonproject actions.

b. Noise

1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

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2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

This is a nonproject action. The indirect effects of this nonproject proposal are not expected to increase noise impacts. Individual projects developed under the proposal will occur over time and cannot be evaluated in terms of noise impacts at this stage. Such projects will be subject to environmental review if they meet or exceed thresholds for environmental review as they move forward. See discussion in Section D, Supplemental Sheet for Nonproject Actions. Projects will also be subject to the Noise Ordinance standards.

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

This proposal is a nonproject action and does not involve construction or development activity. Individual projects subject to the provisions of this proposal will occur over time and cannot be evaluated in terms of measures to reduce or control noise impacts at this stage. Such projects will be subject to project-specific environmental review if they meet or exceed thresholds for environmental review.

8. Land and Shoreline Use

a. What is the current using the site and adjacent properties?

The proposed amendments are a nonproject action that would amend the Land Use Code to permit transitional encampments for homeless individuals as an interim use for a six-month term on City-owned or privately-owned property in all zones except residential zones, including Downtown zones defined as residential and Neighborhood Commercial 1 (NC1) zones, add location requirements, rulemaking authority for community outreach and encampment operations, and specify the activities and development that may accompany the transitional encampment interim use, including using vehicles for shelter. Potential sites are located throughout the City and in a variety of zones except for residential zones and Neighborhood Commercial 1 (NC1) zones. While it is expected that vacant lots will generally be preferred as potential sites for transitional encampments, the proposal would allow encampments to share sites that could contain a variety of uses, including residential, commercial, institutional, and industrial uses, so long as the area designated for encampment use is not needed to meet any requirements of the Land Use Code or land use permits applicable to existing uses on the site. Adjacent properties could contain a variety of uses, including residential, commercial, institutional, or industrial uses.

b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.

No. The proposed amendments are a nonproject action that would amend the Land Use Code to permit transitional encampments for homeless individuals as an interim use for a six-month term on City-owned or privately-owned property in all zones except residential zones, including Downtown zones defined as residential and Neighborhood Commercial 1 (NC1) zones, add location requirements, rulemaking authority for community outreach and encampment operations, and specify the activities and development that may accompany the transitional encampment interim use, including using vehicles for shelter.

c. Describe any structures on the site.

The proposed amendments are a nonproject action that would amend the Land Use Code to permit transitional encampments for homeless individuals as an interim use for a six-month term on City-owned or privately-owned property in all zones except residential zones, including Downtown zones defined as residential and Neighborhood Commercial 1 (NC1) zones, add location requirements, rulemaking authority for community outreach and encampment operations, and specify the activities and development that may accompany the transitional encampment interim use, including using vehicles for shelter. Structures found on the sites to be regulated by the proposed amendments could include building types of varying heights, building materials, age, and lot coverage that could contain a variety of uses, including residential, commercial, institutional, or industrial uses.

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

This is a nonproject action. No demolition is expected as a direct result of the proposal. Individual projects developed under the land use and zoning provisions of the proposal are unlikely to include demolition of existing structures.

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

The proposed amendments are a nonproject action that would amend the Land Use Code to permit transitional encampments for homeless individuals as an interim use for a six-month term on City-owned or privately-owned property in all zones except residential zones, including Downtown zones defined as residential and Neighborhood Commercial 1 (NC1) zones, add location requirements, rulemaking authority for community outreach and encampment operations, and specify the activities and development that may accompany the transitional encampment interim use, including using vehicles for shelter.

f. What is current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

The proposed amendments are a nonproject action that would amend the Land Use Code to permit transitional encampments for homeless individuals as an interim use for a six-month term on City-owned or privately-owned property in all zones except residential zones, including Downtown zones defined as residential and Neighborhood Commercial 1 (NC1) zones, add location requirements, rulemaking authority for community outreach and encampment operations, and specify the activities and development that may accompany the transitional encampment interim use, including using vehicles for shelter. Potential sites are located throughout the City in a variety of zones, with a variety of comprehensive plan designations.

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

The area subject to the proposed amendment could include sites located within the shoreline overlay districts and within various shoreline designations. The proposed changes will not result in changes to any shoreline designation.

h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.

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zones. The variety of sites proposed to be regulated by the legislation could include some sites with “environmentally sensitive” areas. However, the proposal excludes property that contains a wetland, wetland buffer, steep slope or steep slope buffer, or fish and wildlife habitat conservation area defined and regulated by SMC Chapter 25.09, Regulations for Environmentally Critical Areas, from eligibility for transitional encampment siting.

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

Not applicable. The proposed amendments are a nonproject action that would amend the Land Use Code to permit transitional encampments for homeless individuals as an interim use for a six-month term on City-owned or privately-owned property in all zones except residential zones, including Downtown zones defined as residential and Neighborhood Commercial 1 (NC1) zones, add location requirements, rulemaking authority for community outreach and encampment operations, and specify the activities and development that may accompany the transitional encampment interim use, including using vehicles for shelter. The legislation specifically limits maximum occupancy of any site to 100 persons.

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

The indirect effects of this nonproject proposal are not expected to increase the rate and extent at which residences or businesses are displaced.

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

The indirect effects of this nonproject proposal are not expected to increase the rate or extent at which residences or businesses are displaced.

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal are compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

The proposed amendments are a nonproject action that would amend the Land Use Code to permit transitional encampments for homeless individuals as an interim use for a six-month term on City-owned or privately-owned property in all zones except residential zones, including Downtown zones defined as residential and Neighborhood Commercial 1 (NC1) zones, add location requirements, rulemaking authority for community outreach and encampment operations, and specify the activities and development that may accompany the transitional encampment interim use, including using vehicles for shelter. Encampments would be subject to standards governing location, health and safety and these limitations address compatibility with existing and projected land uses and plans. In particular, sites are generally required to maintain a 50-foot setback as a buffer from residentially-zoned lots. For sites of sufficient size that are less than 50 feet from residentially-zoned lots, the proposal requires the encampment itself to maintain a 50-foot setback from residentially-zoned lots and to provide either vegetation or fencing as screening.

9. Housing

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.**

This is a nonproject action. The proposal is for a nonresidential use that is not expected to provide housing.

- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.**

This is a nonproject action. Individual projects subject to the provisions of this proposal will occur over time and cannot be evaluated in terms of elimination of housing units at this stage. Proposed projects will be subject to environmental review if they meet or exceed thresholds for environmental review, and will need to meet the City's requirements for providing replacement use for any housing units that are proposed to be demolished. Because no permanent development is allowed under the proposal, it is unlikely that housing units would be eliminated as a result of this proposal.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:**

The indirect effects of this nonproject proposal are not expected to result in increased housing impacts.

10. Aesthetics

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?**

This is a nonproject action. Projects and development consistent with this proposal will occur over time and cannot be evaluated in terms of heights or building materials at this stage. Proposed projects will be subject to environmental review if they meet or exceed thresholds for environmental review. No permanent structures would be allowed under the proposal.

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?**

This is a nonproject action. Individual projects developed under this proposal will occur over time and cannot be evaluated in terms of view alteration at this stage. Individual projects subject to the proposal will be subject to environmental review if they meet or exceed thresholds for environmental review. No permanent structures are proposed to be allowed.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

Not applicable. The proposed amendments are a nonproject action that would amend the Land Use Code to permit transitional encampments for homeless individuals as an interim use for a six-month term on City-owned or privately-owned property in all zones except residential zones, including Downtown zones defined as residential and Neighborhood Commercial 1 (NC1) zones, add location requirements, rulemaking authority for community outreach and encampment operations, and specify the activities and development that may accompany the transitional encampment interim use, including using vehicles for shelter. To address aesthetic impacts, sites are generally required to maintain a 50-foot setback as a buffer from residentially-zoned lots. For sites of sufficient size that are less than 50 feet from residentially-zoned lots, the proposal requires the encampment itself to maintain a 50-foot setback from residentially-zoned lots and to provide either vegetation or fencing as screening.

11. Light and Glare

a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

This is a nonproject action. Individual projects subject to the proposal will be subject to environmental review if they meet or exceed thresholds for environmental review.

b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

This is a nonproject action. Individual projects developed under the proposal will be subject to environmental review if they meet or exceed thresholds for environmental review. Impacts are unlikely as no permanent structures are allowed by the proposal.

c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

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d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

This is a nonproject action. The extent of light and glare resulting from an individual project will be assessed and mitigated through project-specific environmental review if they meet or exceed thresholds for environmental review.

12. Recreation

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

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b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

This is a nonproject proposal that is unlikely to change the potential for displacement of any existing recreational uses. Individual projects subject to the proposal will also be subject to environmental review if they meet or exceed thresholds for environmental review.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:**

This is a nonproject proposal. Individual projects developed under the proposal will also be subject to environmental review if they meet or exceed thresholds for environmental review.

13. Historical and Cultural Preservation

- a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.**

The proposed amendments are a nonproject action, applicable to a variety of sites in all zones except residential zones, including Downtown zones defined as residential and Neighborhood Commercial (NC1) zones. City, State and National Landmarks are found throughout the City.

- b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site?**

This is a nonproject action. Individual projects and development that are subject to the proposal will be subject to the City's regulations related to historic and archaeologically significant landmarks as well as environmental review if they meet or exceed thresholds for environmental review.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any:**

The proposed amendments are a nonproject action that would amend the Land Use Code to permit transitional encampments for homeless individuals as an interim use for a six-month term on City-owned or privately-owned property in all zones except residential zones, including Downtown zones defined as residential and Neighborhood Commercial 1 (NC1) zones, add location requirements, rulemaking authority for community outreach and encampment operations, and specify the activities and development that may accompany the transitional encampment interim use, including using vehicles for shelter. The indirect impacts of this nonproject proposal on historic and cultural resources are discussed in Section D, Supplemental Sheet for Nonproject Actions. There are established policies and regulations to maintain and preserve significant historic sites and structures and to provide the opportunity for analysis of archaeological sites during review of specific development projects. Projects involving structures or sites that have been designated as landmarks are subject to compliance with the Landmarks Preservation Ordinance.

14. Transportation

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe the proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.**

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- b. Is the site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?**

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- c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?**

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- d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).**

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- e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.**

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- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur.**

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g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

As discussed in subsection 14 c, the proposal includes parking requirements for each proposed encampment that will tend to reduce possible impacts from increased on-street parking that could occur due to location of a proposed encampment. The proposal also requires encampments to be located within one-half mile of a Metro transit stop to promote using public transit by the occupants. Individual projects subject to the proposal will be subject to environmental review if they meet or exceed thresholds for environmental review.

15. Public Services

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

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b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

None needed. The proposed amendments are a nonproject action that would amend the Land Use Code to permit transitional encampments for homeless individuals as an interim use for a six-month term on City-owned or privately-owned property in all zones except residential zones, including Downtown zones defined as residential and Neighborhood Commercial 1 (NC1) zones, add location requirements, rulemaking authority for community outreach and encampment operations, and specify the activities and development that may accompany the transitional encampment interim use, including using vehicles for shelter. The impacts on public services are not expected to be significant.

16. Utilities

a. Utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other.

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b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed:

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C. SIGNATURE

Signature provided following section D below.

D. SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering the questions, be aware of the extent of the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

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month term on City-owned or privately-owned property in all zones except residential zones, including Downtown zones defined as residential and Neighborhood Commercial 1 (NC1) zones, add location requirements, rulemaking authority for community outreach and encampment operations, and specify the activities and development that may accompany the transitional encampment interim use, including using vehicles for shelter. It is expected that there is no potential for increased impacts to water, air, or noise or additional release of hazardous substances. No permanent development is proposed. Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions have also been considered, and no changes to GHG emissions are expected as a result of this nonproject action. Individual projects developed under the land use and zoning provisions of the proposal will occur over time and cannot be evaluated in terms of discharge to water, emissions to air, production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances, or noise, at this stage. Proposed projects will be subject to environmental review if they meet or exceed thresholds for environmental review.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

As discussed above, there is little to no potential for indirect impacts of this nonproject proposal. The existing regulatory framework, the Land Use Code, the Shoreline Master Program, Environmentally Critical Areas Ordinance, the Noise Ordinance, and the City's SEPA ordinance will address impacts during review of development proposals on a project-specific basis. A SEPA GHG Emissions Worksheet is required for all individual projects that may be developed under this proposal if they meet or exceed thresholds for environmental review.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish or marine life?

The proposed amendments are a nonproject action that would amend the Land Use Code to permit transitional encampments for homeless individuals as an interim use for a six-month term on City-owned or privately-owned property in all zones except residential zones, including Downtown zones defined as residential and Neighborhood Commercial 1 (NC1) zones, add location requirements, rulemaking authority for community outreach and encampment operations, and specify the activities and development that may accompany the transitional encampment interim use, including using vehicles for shelter. The potential for increased environmental impacts to plants, animals, fish or marine life is low, as no permanent development is proposed. On a site-by-site basis, future development projects could potentially result in plant and animal impacts as a result of clearing vegetation or habitat that may be present on these sites, but any impacts are expected to be minimal.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

As discussed above, it is not expected that there will be any potential for indirect impacts of this nonproject proposal. The existing regulatory framework, the Land Use Code, The Shoreline Master Program, Environmentally Critical Areas Ordinance, and the City's SEPA ordinance will address impacts during review of development proposals on a project-specific basis.

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

The proposed amendments to the Land Use Code would be unlikely to result in any major changes to the rate of development or patterns of development in the City. As a result, the potential for increased depletion of energy and natural resources is low.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

As discussed above, the potential for indirect impacts of this nonproject proposal are expected to be minor. The existing regulatory framework, the Land Use Code, The Shoreline Master Program, Environmentally Critical Areas Ordinance, and the City's SEPA ordinance will address impacts during review of development proposals on a project-specific basis.

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened, or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

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Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

The existing regulatory framework, the Land Use Code, the Shoreline Master Program, Environmentally Critical Areas Ordinance, and the City's SEPA ordinance will address impacts during review of development proposals on a project-specific basis.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land and shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

The proposed amendments are a nonproject action that would amend the Land Use Code to permit transitional encampments for homeless individuals as an interim use for a six-month term on City-owned or privately-owned property in all zones except residential zones, including Downtown zones defined as residential and Neighborhood Commercial 1 (NC1) zones, add location requirements, rulemaking authority for community outreach and encampment operations, and specify the activities and development that may

accompany the transitional encampment interim use, including using vehicles for shelter. No permanent structures or other permanent development would be allowed under the proposal. It is unlikely to result in any major changes to the rate of development or patterns of development in shoreline areas of the City or that are incompatible with existing plans. The existing regulatory framework, the Land Use Code, the Shoreline Master Program, Environmentally Critical Areas Ordinance, and the City's SEPA ordinance will address impacts during review of development proposals on a project-specific basis.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

The proposed amendments are a nonproject action that would amend the Land Use Code to permit transitional encampments for homeless individuals as an interim use for a six-month term on City-owned or privately-owned property in all zones except residential zones, including Downtown zones defined as residential and Neighborhood Commercial 1 (NC1) zones, add location requirements, rulemaking authority for community outreach and encampment operations, and specify the activities and development that may accompany the transitional encampment interim use, including using vehicles for shelter. The specific requirements for operation and location of transitional encampments, including limiting each encampment to 100 persons, limiting sites to at least 7,500 square feet, requiring one-half mile proximity to transit stops, setback requirements of at least 50 feet from residential zones, including screening and 50-foot setback requirements for encampments locating on large sites that are less than 50 feet from residential zones, setbacks of one-half mile from other encampments, as well as safety and inspection requirements, are expected to limit the number of encampment proposals that would qualify under the proposal and also limit the number of eligible sites. Projects developed under the proposal are subject to review under the existing regulatory framework, the Land Use Code, the Shoreline Master Program, Environmentally Critical Areas Ordinance, and the City's SEPA ordinance. Impacts will be addressed through the review of specific projects for compliance under the provisions of these regulations.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

The proposed amendment will not result in significant adverse impacts to traffic or parking or public services and utilities. The existing regulatory framework, the Land Use Code, The Shoreline Master Program, Environmentally Critical Areas Ordinance, and the City's SEPA ordinance will address impacts during review of development proposals on a project-specific basis. The proposal is not anticipated to have a substantial effect on public services or utilities.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demands are:

Projects developed under the proposal would be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and mitigation would be required where permitted and appropriate.

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

No conflicts are anticipated with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for protection of the environment.

SIGNATURE:

I, the undersigned, state that to the best of my knowledge the above information is true and complete. It is understood that the lead agency may withdraw any declaration of non-significance that it might issue in reliance upon this checklist should there be any willful misrepresentation or willful lack of full disclosure on my part.

(signature on file)
William K. Mills
Senior Land Use Planner, DPD

Date: May 3, 2012

This checklist was reviewed by:

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Department of Planning and Development

Date: May 3, 2012